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MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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**WORLD TB DAY**

Annually, global commemorations acknowledge the announcement of the discovery of the Tuberculosis (TB) bacillus (*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*) by Dr. Robert Koch on March 24, 1882, as “*World TB Day*”. The observance raises awareness of TB disease, prevention, and treatment of this global health threat. The 2015 theme of World TB Day is "Find TB. Treat TB. Together We Can Eliminate TB."

Los Angeles County continues to rank high in terms of TB morbidity and mortality, despite a steady decline of cases since the peak of the epidemic in 1992. In 2013, 662 TB cases were reported, the highest number and nearly one third of all reported cases in California, representing approximately 6.9% of the total number of cases reported in the U.S.

In Los Angeles County, TB disease disproportionately impacts the foreign-born population, with the incidence rates highest among Asians, followed by United States born African Americans, and Hispanics – a historical trend. Additionally, there is evidence of recent transmission within special populations in Los Angeles County including: the homeless, persons with substance abuse conditions, and those with

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mental health challenges. Stronger collaborations between Los Angeles County, private providers and community organizations are key to facilitate identification of TB disease, to identify persons with TB infection, and to ensure completion of treatment.

In observance of Los Angeles County's "*World TB Day*" commemoration, County residents and employees are invited to attend a TB Awareness event, on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at the Star Apartments, located at 240 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., where community providers, patient advocates, and leaders in public health will address the impact of TB in Los Angeles County.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors proclaim March 24, 2015, as "*World TB Day*" throughout Los Angeles County and encourage residents and employees to attend the TB Awareness event that day at the Star Apartments, located at 240 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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